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- 1. REGARDING PARA 3 REFTEL, UK AMBASSADOR FOSTER JUST CALLED TO INFORM ME THAT HE HAS DECIDED NOT TO DISTURB LONDON BY SEEKING GUIDANCE. HE WILL NOT ATTEND THE TREPTOW FUNCTION, PRIMARILY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE U.S.AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS WILL NOT BE PRESENT; HE WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. REGARDING THE STATE OPERA FUNCTION AND ABRASSIMOV RECEPTION, FOSTER INTENDS TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION BASED ON GUIDANCE WHICH MAY BE RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON OR PARIS OVER THE WEEKEND.
- 2. COMMENT: THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOCAL CONSENSUS EMERGING AMONG THREE ALLIED POWERS NOT RPT NOT TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION AT THE STATE OPERA AND TO SEND EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES TO TREPTOW. IN THE INTEREST OF ALLIED UNITY, I WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH THIS KIND OF SOLUTION CONFIDENTIAL

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AND ALSO ATTEND ABRASSIMOV RECEPTION IF FRENCH AND BRITISH WISH TO DO SO. IT IS QUITE CONCEIVABLE THAT PARIS WOULD WISH TO BE REPRESENTED AT ALL THREE FUNCTIONS BY THE FRENCH CHARGE. BOLEN

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